

Monday October 24, 2022

**Sidewalks, Downtown's core active transportation network**

**Hi,**

Looking out my window and seeing the snow and then reading Council's Oct 24 agenda for clearing streets, roads and paved trail but not addressing sidewalks except for a lofty goal of public education, I feel sad.

I won't inundate you with repeating what I submitted in my letter to mayorandcouncil last week about these proposed changes. I think I was pretty clear in presenting a broad case for clearing sidewalks, specific input on mapping, seeing the promised 'what was said' document from the 'snow and ice on roads and trails' survey and the need for a survey around snow and ice on sidewalks.

A feedback from a whitehorsewalks respondent, a lawyer with years of plain language experience, was

*"I just wanted to let you know how impressed I was with the thoroughness and excellent recommendations in your proposal to City Council. Thank you for all that important work"*

and another, from a seniors' organization,

*"Thanks Peter for the very detailed and informative letter to the City Council."*

I was disappointed to not have any aspect of my points in my letter presented in last week's council session, nor do they show up in this week's Council agenda. I understand the tight time constraints, but on our end, we the public have to actually go hunt for the agenda, read it, find previous documentation and present a coherent point of view, all in a day or so.

Not being well versed in the steps involved I have no sense if my letter to mayorandcouncil actually goes to all affected departments such as parks and recreation, snow clearing, transportation, bylaw, planning... Nor have I any sense if the snow and ice changes will be voted and done with tonight and that's it, or are my issues going to be dealt with in coming steps.

Thanks,

Peter

